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Serial No. : Continuation of 09/371,774  
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For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING ANTI-  
VIRAL DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY AND RESISTANCE AND  
ANTI-VIRAL DRUG SCREENING

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SIR:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121(b) by deleting the paragraph on page 1, lines 1-8, and replacing the above-identified paragraph with the paragraph presented in clean form as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/371,774, filed August 10, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/903,507, filed July 30, 1997, now abandoned, which was a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/790,963, filed January 29, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,837,464, issued November 17, 1998, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/010,715, filed January 29, 1996. The content of these applications are incorporated herein by

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reference.

The changes to the specification for the subject paragraph are set forth and attached as **Exhibit A**, which has been marked up to show the changes relative to the previous paragraph in the specification.

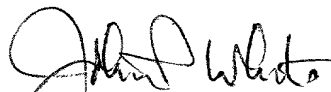
**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 5-9, 11, 12, 18-27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 38-71, 73, 75, 77-82, and 85-217 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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